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Revenue Budget – FY 2013/14

The revenue side of the municipal budget looks less bleak than it has in the past, mainly thanks to fund balance use. While some of the operating incomes continue to be depressed, I do not anticipate any wild swings a year and a half out.

Interest – Taxes

The average collection on unpaid property taxes has been greater than \$9,000/year over the past 5 years. We collected \$10,705.39 in the past fiscal year. Still figuring conservatively, the line is proposed to increase by \$500 to \$8,000 to reflect a better reality.

Auto Excise

Vehicle sales still seem pretty stagnant. The \$272,000 represents a \$3,000 reduction in the expected excise amount and is based on the actual for FY 12.

Boat Excise

Watercraft registrations have dropped a bit as well. The \$3,400 represents a \$400 reduction in the expected amount and is based on the actual for FY 12.

Administration Fees

We get these for photocopy and faxing services and several other charges. The average over the past 5-years was \$962. The past fiscal year saw \$1,157 collected. We budgeted \$550 in FY 13. An increase to \$750 might be prudent.

Tax Lien Charges

This revenue directly offsets the administration budget line, so the \$4,200 matches that line. We collected nearly \$5,400 in FY 12, which exceeded the costs by \$1,300.00.

Agent Fees

The town collects \$2 to \$4 for motor vehicle registrations, a varying amount for certified copies of vital records, and \$1 for each boat/ATV/Snowmobile and Hunting/Fishing license sold. We've averaged \$5,818 over the past 5-years with FY 12 coming in at the average. The FY 13 budget is \$5,500. Proposed increase of \$100 for FY 14.

Revenue Sharing

This is tied directly to state sales tax collections. We won't know this figure until the summer of 2013, and even then, it's not all that accurate. The general rule of thumb has been to reduce the current FY amount by roughly 10%. The proposed \$50,900 does that. Town meeting does not include this amount in the revenue soup as it's subtracted at tax commitment time when we have the actual number.

General Assistance Reimbursement

The town is reimbursed for 50% of its GA expenditures. The proposed GA budget is up to \$4,500 so this would be half of that. If we don't spend that much, we are not reimbursed as much.

Investment Interest

With interest rates very low, our return on investments has not been terribly lucrative. The \$11,500 is based on a little better performance of assets compared to the actually FY12 amount of \$11,276.

Cell Tower Rental

This is an easy calculation as we make \$1,000/month from Verizon Wireless

Hodgkins Trust

No use of this fund is proposed for FY 14 at this time.

Asset Sales

This line shows an income from FY 12 which was the gain on a piece of tax acquired property that sold. This line had been previously labeled Gravel Sales. No revenue is projected at this time.

Surplus Use

We're still waiting for the final fund balance report from the auditors. The budget projection for cash on hand on 7/1/13 is about \$451,000. The initial book keeping has the undesignated fund balance account at \$406,000. Based on both of those, I am comfortable with utilizing \$100,000 from the fund balance to offset property taxes in FY 14, which is up 50% from the current fiscal year.

Total General Fund – Based on the recommendations, the total general funds used to offset property taxes would be up \$19,285.71 or 4.28%.

CODE ENFORCEMENT FUNDFees

FY12 generated \$7,802.21 in permit fees. The 5-year average has been \$7,650 or so. Based on that, \$7,000 seems a conservative amount to budget

Fund Transfer

The CEO Fund has over \$15,000 in it as of 7/1/12. I'm comfortable with using \$3,000 (which is \$1,700 less than was added to the fund in FY 12) to offset property taxes.

Plumbing Fees

FY 12 generated \$2,891 in plumbing fees (net of state payments). The 5-year average is about \$2,600. A conservative revenue of \$2,000 would appear to be adequate.

The proposed total use of Code Enforcement Funds / Transfer is \$3,000 more than FY 13, which is the fund transfer line.

ROAD FUNDSRoad Assistance

This comes from the State of Maine for capital projects. We're receiving \$23,876 for FY 13 which is \$1,876 more than budgeted. If we figure a 10% reduction in funding, that

would reduce the amount to about \$21,500, which is a \$500 reduction from the current fiscal year.

Road Fund Use

The Road Fund (prior to audit confirmation) has \$63,000 in it. This comes from unexpended funds and we did not utilize any of that for the current fiscal year. Because we're paving more in FY 14, the proposal is to use \$20,000 from this fund to help offset property taxes.

PARKS FUND

I await word from the Parks Commission whether any of this fund is to be utilized for the FY 14 budget. Unofficially at year's end, the parks fund had a little over \$4,000 in it.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The funds for this comes from the town's share of dog licenses. We collect an average of \$1,600/year in license and late fees. The proposed revenue is increased by \$500/year to \$1,500 to reflect the average.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

This fund was initially established after a windfall from gravel sales many years ago. It currently has \$55,000 in it. The proposed use is \$3,000 which covers the roof on the Anderson Garage.

Total Revenue / Fund Use is projected to increase just over \$44,000 or 9%. This will avoid having to do an LD-1 override vote at town meeting, provided the yet to be submitted budgets are not out of line.

Respectfully submitted,

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